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LR 272

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Coordsen, to open on LR 272.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We had a difficult time condensing Harland Johnson into a legislative resolution and we probably left out as much as what we were able to put in. There's not a person here I think who has not, at some point in time, been helped out of a bind in some manner or the other by Harland Johnson. He's sort of been our automatic out when anything went wrong. It doesn't make any difference of lengths of service; Harland has helped us all. His retirement, I believe, becomes effective on June 11th, at least unless we can talk him out of it, but I don't think we can. Harland Johnson has defined the role of Legislative Coordinator in a way that we're not going to be able to copy, I think. We will certainly have a replacement for Harland who will be able to do the tasks that Harland did, but it's...it's a little difficult to find the words of the loss that we have. I don't know that in all of the other 49 states that there is one individual that is...has been so instrumental to the smooth functioning of a legislative system over that many years, and I would like, Mr. President, to leave the...this up for a moment in the event that there are other members of the Legislature who might wish to share their good wishes with Harland at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: For discussion on LR 272, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. It may still be a little bit late but, Harland, what happened to my filing cabinet? (Laughter) I know that filing cabinet was out in the hall and it know it was mine, and I don't know where it went. And I...I guess you don't either because you never did bring it to me. I think you're a lot more honorable than whoever took it. But, Harland, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Further discussion? Senator Coordsen, you're recognize...excuse me. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, now probably isn't the